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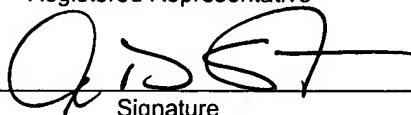
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**SIXTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

U.S. PATENT NO.	ISSUE DATE	PATENTEE
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#### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
JP 10/315339 A	12/1998	JAPAN

#### OTHER DOCUMENTS

Machine translation of JP 10-315339 A, 2004, Japanese Patent Office website.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).


Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3), a machine translation of JP 10-315339 A, 2004, is provided for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of that reference to the Examiner and the USPTO with opportunity to evaluate the same.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R §1.97(c)(1) and (e), Applicant's undersigned attorney hereby states that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned attorney after making

reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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